



The Sea Ranch
Association

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Meetings:

- Division Leader/Damage Assessor Meetings—Please attend one session
 - Thursday, September 27th, 9:00—11:00, Ohlson Ranch House
 - Tuesday, October 23rd, 1:00—3:00, Ohlson Ranch House
 - Saturday, November 17, 1:00—3:00, Ohlson Ranch House

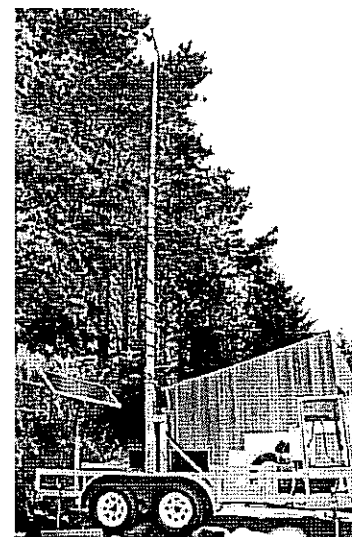
SEPTEMBER IS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS MONTH

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Homeland Security will sponsor the fourth annual National Preparedness Month this September and encourage Americans to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and communities. This year's effort has a growing coalition of more than 625 national, regional, state, and local organizations pledging support.

"It is vital that Americans take steps to prepare for emergencies at home, work or school," said Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff.

"Personal preparedness is paramount to effectively reacting to the effects of a disaster. By preparing yourself, your family, and your businesses, you allow first responders to prioritize efforts and aid."

Homeland Security Committee members, Sens. Joe Lieberman and Susan Collins, and Reps. Bennie Thompson and Peter King, have agreed to serve as honorary Congressional co-chairs of National Preparedness Month 2007 and lead the effort to increase public awareness on the importance of emergency preparedness on Capitol Hill.



Communications Trailer

HAIL AND FAREWELL

Some of our division leaders have moved out of the area or are changing roles. I would like to thank the following division leaders for their unselfish service to our Sea Ranch Disaster Response program:

Div 5: Jim Flessner

Div 6: Linda Kier

Div 8: Doug Patterson

Div 9: Nancy Powers

Div 19: Larry Pike

THANK YOU!

These volunteers also recruited their replacement! I would like to welcome the following new division leaders to our program:

Div 5: Jackie Gardner

Div 6: Frank Welsh

Div 8: Walt Wells

Div 9: Doug Baker

Div 19: Dave Windsor

We continue to have a robust Disaster Response program thanks to all of our volunteers.

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THE SEA RANCH ASSOCIATION EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

TSRA created the Emergency Management Department, staffed with the Director of Emergency Management. This department is responsible to plan, organize, direct and control the emergency management functions for response to disasters such as earthquake, wildfire, tsunami, terrorism, and hazardous material spills.

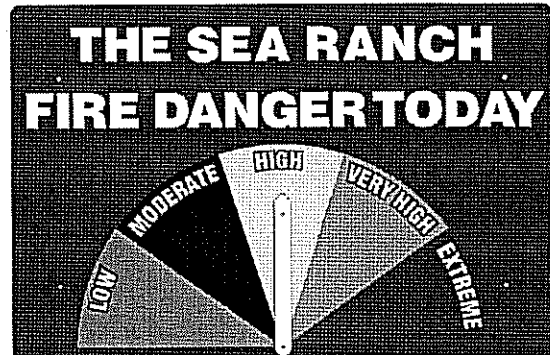
TSRA Emergency Information Link: http://www.tsra.org/emergency_information.htm

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* Prevent * Prepare * Respond * Recover *

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Fire Danger Sign For Sea Ranch

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

The Emergency Management Department is finalizing the requirements for Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs). Once these are purchased, you will see these devices at various meeting places around Sea Ranch. We'll make an announcement when they are in place.

Fire Dangers signs have been ordered and will be placed at the north and south ends of Sea Ranch and at the CalFire Station on Annapolis Road.

The 3n National Notification Network has been purchased and is currently being set up. This system enables one person, with just one call, to communicate with ten or tens of thousands of peo-

ple anywhere, anytime, and on any device—including phone (land line, mobile, and satellite), fax, computer, PDA, and pager—using voice and text communications (such as email, SMS, and Instant Messenger). The 3n mass notification system will continue to cycle through each and every communication device available until the message is delivered and confirmed by the recipient. You will have an opportunity to set up your notification preferences and priorities.

The Division Leader/Damage Assessor Meetings are set up at various times and days. You only need to attend one—there are 3 session per quarter—all with the same topic.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS—PREPAREDNESS

Q: How can I better prepare myself and my family for an emergency situation?

A: One of the simplest things you can do to be better prepared is to have a family emergency plan. To develop one, ask yourself some important questions. "In the event of an emergency, do we have everyone's contact numbers and an out of town contact?" "Is there a designated place for everyone to meet outside of the home and neighborhood?" "What is the emergency plan including the evacuation location of my child's school?" Only you can answer these questions and develop an emergency plan that will suit your family's unique needs. You can download templates to help get you started. For U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Family Communications Plan template go to www.ready.gov.

Q: What other things can I do to be prepared?

A: Create a kit that can be used in case of emergency. The kit should include basic items like water, food, battery-powered radio, flashlight and a first aid kit. For a complete list of recommended supplies go to www.ready.gov.